

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 19, 2007 and the Decision on Appeal dated November 17, 2010. Claims 1-9, 35-39, 48, and 49 currently stand rejected. As explained below, however, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are patentably distinct from the cited references, taken individually or in any proper combination. No new matter has been added by the amendment. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims of the present application.

A. Claims 1, 4, 5, 35, and 38 are Novel.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 35, and 38 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,301,586 to Yang. However, Yang fails to anticipate the claimed invention because Yang does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention.

Independent claim 1, and similarly independent claim 35, recite “cause the two media file representations to be included within a column associated with a given period of time, wherein the column is one of a plurality of columns; permit scrolling through periods of time and the associated plurality of columns; and cause at least one of the media file representations to be enlarged when the scrolling moves the at least one media file representation into a position that is proximate a predefined position within the media view...” Yang fails to teach or suggest these features of the claims.

In this regard, Yang describes a system for managing multimedia objects. As indicated in FIGs. 6-34 of Yang, a number of options for displaying and managing multimedia objects are described. However, none of these options involves associating a period of time with a column of media file representations and permitting scrolling across the time-based columns. While, for example, FIG. 10 of Yang provides a display of objects within a grid, there is no indication, in the figure or in the text, that objects are organized by column in association with a period of time. There is also no indication that scrolling is permitted across time-based columns with respect to time.

In addition to failing to describe the organization of the media file representations by time-based columns, Yang also fails to teach or suggest that scrolling across the columns causes

a media file representation that is proximate a predefined position to be enlarged. In this regard, Yang does show scroll bars and describes movement through a collection of objects for management purposes, but Yang fails to provide any disclosure indicating that a media file representation is enlarged when scrolling across a number of columns causes a media file representation to be positioned at a location proximate a predefined position, as recited in the claims.

As such, independent claims 1 and 35, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over Yang for at least the reasons cited above. The rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 35, and 38 is therefore overcome.

B. Claims 2, 3, 6-9, 36, 37, and 39 are Nonobvious.

Claims 2, 3, 6-9, 36, 37, and 39 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yang in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0054157 to Hayashi. However, the cited combination relies upon Yang for disclosing the same features as described above with respect to the anticipation rejection. Since Yang fails in this regard, and Hayashi does not cure the deficiencies of Yang (nor is Hayashi cited for this purpose), dependent claims 2, 3, 6-9, 36, 37, and 39 are patentable over the cited combination due at least to the failures of Yang. The rejections of claims 2, 3, 6-9, 36, 37, and 39 are therefore overcome.

C. New Claims 50-53 are Patentable.

Applicants have added new claims 50-53 to cover additional aspects of the present application. The new claims include no new matter and are fully supported by the specification and the drawings of the present application. The new claims either include a variation of the subject matter argued above or are dependent from respective independent claims and are therefore patentable for at least the same reasons as submitted for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is believed that the new claims 50-53 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

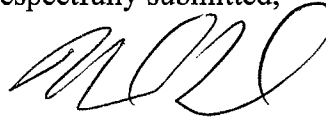
In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of

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Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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